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"EASTER SUNDAY WITH CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF THE HOME"

Barium Cagers Given Awards

BY JERRY JOSEY
Record & Landmark
Sports Editor

Barium Springs honored its basketball teams last night at a steak dinner and presented awards to varsity members of what could be Barium's final varsity athletic clubs.

The Tornadoes are expected to be in with Troutman come an April 27 meeting at Albemarle when a decision will be made on Troutman's application for membership in the Western North Carolina High School Activities Association.

Coach Archie Calhoun presided over last night's dinner and presented awards.

Top honors were carried off by Judy Bolton and Elva Medlin of the girls team and Randy Shaw and Jim Bunnell of the boys squad.

A vote by the players selected Bolton as the permanent captain and Medlin as the most valuable player on the girls squad. Shaw was named the permanent captain on the boys club while Bunnell, recently honored on the All-Northwest team as well as all-conference and all-tournament, was named most valuable player on the Tornado varsity.

Calhoun expressed his thanks to Barium personnel and others for their help throughout the season. Barium had a winning season for their four clubs and Calhoun said prospects for future Barium cagers looked bright.

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CONFERENCE FOR WORKERS MET IN RICHMOND

The Southeastern Conference for Workers in Children's Homes met in Richmond, Virginia the first week in April. This was the first time that this Conference, formerly known as the Tri-State Conference, had met in any State other than North Carolina, South Carolina, or Georgia. Upon the invitation of the Virginia Methodist Children's Home and the John Marshall Hotel, the Conference accepted the invitation for its annual meeting.

The Conference was opened with a keynote address by Miss Jane Ann Epperson from the School of Social Work at the University of Tennessee. Under the direction of Martin Gula, of the Children's Bureau, Washington, D. C., Mrs. Kate Bullock Helms, and Miss Jane Ann Epperson, stimulating discussions on the conference theme "United on Purpose—Divided in Responsibility" were held for the executives, caseworkers, and houseparents who met in separate sections. One of the highlights of the Conference was the luncheon given by the Methodist Children's Home in their beautiful new dining room. The girls served in a very gracious manner and the whole Conference was delighted with this visit.

In the business session the Conference elected Everett Spell of Oak Grove, Charleston, S. C. as president, succeeding Miss Mary Bruce Roberts of Rome, Ga., Mr. M. T. Lambeth of the Methodist Children's Home in Winston-Salem, Vice - President, and Mrs. Myrtice Price of Gould Cottage, Savannah, Ga., Secretary-Treasurer. A committee was appointed to draw up By-laws for the Association and to present them at its next meeting. The Conference, having voted to continue the Child Care Project for another three years, elected the following to serve as a Board of Governors for the Child Care Project:

Leon Smith, Virginia Methodist, Richmond, Va.

Sam Smith, Connie Maxwell, Greenwood, S. C.

Frank Hough, Virginia Baptist, Salem, Va.

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UNDER THE STEEPLE

By Rev. Hugh B. Carter, Jr.

The month of March provided more activity under the steeple than we have seen in a long time. The most active groups were the choirs and the Senior Highs. The choirs began getting ready for Easter early in the month with extra practice sessions on Sunday afternoon. During the week of special services the Chancel Choir rendered "O Sacred Head" for the Communion Service. For the Sunrise worship on Easter the choir did "In Joseph's Lovely Garden," and for the regular Sunday morning service the beautiful anthem "Now Christ Is Risen From The Dead" was given. Echo effects were provided by a portion of the choir in the rear balcony. A Processional on Easter to the Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" included the Junior Choral Club, the Little Girls and the Little Boys' Choirs. The Junior Choral Group also did a special Call To Worship on Palm Sunday. We are justifiably proud of our combined choirs under the steeple and of our very fine organist and choir director, Miss Charlotte Calhoun. She is assisted by Miss Julia Clendenin and Mrs. Forest Price. Miss Patricia Buercklin is our soprano soloist.

The Senior Highs were busy outside as well as under the steeple. The group sponsored a mid-March dance. The participation of many committees and individuals added to the felicity of this semi-formal occasion. The March meeting of the council was held at the home of Julia Clendenin at which time plans were laid for the election of officers for the coming year and the date was set for a joint meeting of the out-going and in-coming councils. The council added to the pre-Easter week of services by making an eight-foot cross and placing it in the chancel of the sanctuary. Senior Highs attended the Spring Rally at Lenoir on April 5, and were hosts to the SHF from Red Springs, N. C. on March 22.

Two special offerings have been received in recent weeks. The congregation gave eighty-five dollars following the week of prayer and self-denial for World Missions and some sixty-odd dollars on Easter Day for the relief of the needy and suffering overseas.

Forty-one guests signed the Register during March services but we have the feeling that a good many more than that were fellow-worshippers with us. It is always a pleasure to have visitors in our congregation on Sunday morning. We added Gerry David Martin to our roll by transfer of letter from the Presbyterian Church in Marshville, N. C. on March 29. Gerry was taken immediately into the choir and is active in the SHF.

Plans are underway for a Vacation Bible School to begin May 19 continuing through May 29. Directors for the School will be Miss Faye Stevenson and Miss Eleanor Miller.

The mood of the Easter season is still upon us and in that mood we remember that Jesus was more powerful in Jerusalem during the days and weeks which followed the Resurrection than He was during the three years which preceded his death. Moreover, the power and persuasion of His presence has reached across the centuries and the seas until we must admit, if we are honest, that today Jesus is our most pre-eminent Contemporary.

TRIBUTE TO A TEACHER

Since Mrs. John Q. Holton's death, many memorial gifts have been received and many tributes have been paid her by word of mouth and through correspondence. Some of them are published here. "Mrs. Holton was my teacher, first in the fifth grade. From that time on through my earlier years of teaching she was an inspiration to me and urged me always to reach higher."

—From Virginia

"Mrs. Holton never taught me, but I knew her as a teacher and loved her very sincerely."

—From Barium Springs

"I knew Mrs. Holton well. She taught all of my children and was a good teacher. She was considered hard but fair and the boys and girls respected her highly."

—From Barium Springs

"Mrs. Holton taught each one of us in the seventh grade. She was one of the finest teachers and a real friend as well. We all loved her and cherish her memory."

—From Winston-Salem

Thus the story runs about a life dedicated to teaching. For more than two decades her inspiration and influence was known to the boys and girls of Barium Springs.

BARIUM CAGERS GIVEN AWARDS

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Both junior girls and boys teams were undefeated. It was the first time in several years that the junior girls had compiled that distinction and Calhoun singled out Pamela Fair and Ellen Neill, forwards, and guards Margaret Ramsey, Tyressa Taylor and Peggy Bridgers as the girls "who bore the brunt of the load and they'll bear watching in the future."

The junior boys also had a 4-0 record, with Edward Barefoot, Braxton Bridgers, Charles McLean, Bobby Ramsey and Gene Taylor forming the starting unit. "The only trouble we had was trying to hold down the score," Calhoun said. The starting five saw little action as the junior club more than doubled the score on most opponents and holds better height than the varsity unit.

Of the varsity girls, Calhoun pointed out that "you'll be seeing most of these for a long time." He tabbed the club as an "amazing team. Some of us wondered before the season if we would win a game," the veteran Barium mentor said. Barium's girls won four, lost four or five others by close margins and had some of the powers in the conference worried until the final quarter. Composed of predominantly sophomores and freshmen, only one girl will be lost next season. Judy Bolton is the only senior, while Beverly McClure is a junior. The rest are lower class members. "You don't build championships with sophomores and freshmen. They look great for the future to me. We never had size like this before," Calhoun remarked, and brought laughter from the large crowd assembled.

Calhoun described the Barium varsity quintet as "a little team that played as if they were big." Barium lacked height, but more than made up the lack in hustle. They moved to the semifinals of the Piedmont Conferences tournament, had a fourth place finish in the conference and came up with an overall 13-7 record. "The most we were beaten by in this day of race horse basketball was 11 points and we were playing against what I think was the best competition in North Carolina. This team done more with what they had than any team I ever had. They played big. They played like tall men and did more without height than any team we've ever had . . . an amazing season for a fine bunch of boys."

Calhoun presented letters to the following:

Varsity Girls—Judy Bolton, Virginia Kiser, Marcia Lewis, Beverly McClure, Elva Medlin, Patsy Porter, Patsy Ross and Jackie Taylor.

Varsity Boys — Richard Blackburn, Jim Bunnell, Donald Frazier, Kenny Joyner, Ricky McArthur, Dicky McKenzie, Joe Ramsey, Randy Shaw and Wayne Wright.

Junior Girls—Lois Allen, Eloise Barefoot, Suzie Blackburn, Brenda Blake, Mary Jane Bolton, Peggy Bridgers, Sue Bush, Linda Byrd, Donna Edmisten, Pamela Fair, Rita Harris, Ellen Neill, Margaret Ramsey and Tyressa Taylor.

Junior Boys — Edward Barefoot, Braxton Bridgers, Henry Bridgers, Howard Cox, Douglas Finley, Tommy Joyner, Charles McLean, Bobby Ramsey and Gene Taylor.

COTTAGE NEWS

Infirmary

Hello Everyone—

Here are the Infirmary girls again. We have not had very many sick people until now, and we have only three children with chicken pox and one with measles. Some of the children have had colds.

The Infirmary has a new clock which we received from Mrs. W. H. Gaylor and other members of The Sprunt Bible Class in Wilmington. We told you about this last month but we are still talking about it. It helps us to get to school on time and we especially like the little light on it which shines at night so we can see without turning on the hall light.

We had a good Easter Season and were glad to have a holiday to catch up with some of our "home work." We hope that all of our readers had a good Easter Season.

The Infirmary Girls

Rumple Hall

Hi There—

We are back again with our tiny bits of news. First of all, there are our Spring dresses. All of our dresses are pretty, and just to show them off we had a Fashion Show. We enjoyed it every bit as much as our guests did, if not more.

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Then came the Easter Services to start the Easter Season. We had services from Monday through Thursday night and then a service on Friday afternoon, and on Sunday we had an early sunrise service in addition to our regular Sunday service. It was all very effective, and we commend Mr. Carter and Miss Charlotte Calhoun and her choirs on the good job done.

Nancy Finley has our only birthday this month. Her cake was fixed like an Easter basket and was real pretty. In April we will have three birthdays—Mary Della Hyde, Jeanette Grier, and Miss Sims.

We are looking forward to our Piano recitals and are working hard on our pieces.

Elva Medlin and the
Rumple Hall Girls

South Cottage

Hi Friends—

It is news time again. We all have had a wonderful Easter this year. To make the meaning of Easter more clear to us, Mr. Carter planned a week of pre-Easter services, with the theme of "Jesus Faces His Death." Also, Easter Morning, we had a Sunrise Service as well as the regular service at eleven o'clock. We all thank Mr. Carter for the planning and making these services possible.

Our Varsity Basketball Team of boys was put out of the tournament—Thomasville defeated them by nine points in a terrific upset.

It is Spring now and we are looking forward to Summer. The grass is greener and the apple and pear trees are in bloom at Barium. Flowers seem to have sprung up all around the campus as if by magic. The weather is much warmer and it is about time for Spring Fever to make its yearly round.

School will be out in about six weeks and we are all looking forward to that. We are all anxious to get into the

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What We Expect Of Houseparents

By ALTON M. BROTEN

The position of houseparent has grown in stature during recent years. Particularly today a great deal of emphasis is being placed upon the importance of our institutions' being staffed by able persons in these vital spots. The ability of the houseparent to do the job that is being cut out for her depends largely upon personality and training.

What are we asking of the houseparents? These are some of our expectations:

Take direct responsibility for a group of children, usually unrelated, who come from a variety of situations and for whom the future holds a variety of possibilities.

Provide and maintain an organized, though relaxed, cottage which embodies many homelike qualities and allows for the healthy development of each child.

Come to an understanding of each individual child within the cottage, of his background, of his immediate adjustment, and of the planning under way for his future.

Help to guide the progress and development of the group itself so the life together will work for the benefit of each individual youngster.

Provide for the physical care of each individual child.

Be ready to meet each child's "hour of need" by listening, or counselling, or supporting. Know where to go for help or where to secure help for the child.

Accept parents and relatives, even though they have rejected the children and do not share one's own standards.

Be willing to devote oneself to the job without losing one's own personal identity, complete with outside interests and activities and fresh approach to daily living.

Recognize the professionalism of the position, thus being able to share confidential and meaningful information and ideas, being able to recognize the purpose of other positions, and being able to participate in a team approach.

Come equipped with physical stamina, patience, sensitivity, intelligence, and a sound philosophy of life in order to be firm, consistent, kind, and a living model for children to follow.

Be able to find personal satisfaction in the position without becoming overly involved. Find enjoyment in most of the daily experiences. Do not find it necessary to over meet own emotional needs through relationship to job or to children.

Find satisfaction in working and living closely with other adults. Be not inclined to react strongly toward what may be seen as limitations in others.

Assume an optimistic and perspective viewpoint of the program in order to continue consistently day by day to carry through on responsibilities.

Be open-minded and willing to listen and learn and be corrected. Be ready to express own convictions.

Are we expecting too much of an individual in this position? Are we setting our sights too high? How can anyone be a parent, psychologist, caseworker, educator, group worker, spiritual adviser, disciplinarian, cook, housekeeper, nurse, friend, recreation leader and counselor—all rolled into one?

I do not believe that we are setting our sights too high provided we are realistic and thoughtful and farsighted in our over-all program planning. We are not looking for experts in each one of these areas. Rather, the houseparent needs to be someone who is emotionally well-balanced, can live fairly easily with either children or adults, and who is able to grow in overall ability. She must have a certain natural ability and this coupled with training and support on the job can make it possible for her to come up to expectations.

From — "Readings For Houseparents of Children's Institutions".

COTTAGE NEWS

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Summer activities. What a time we will have in the Summer!

The Boy Scouts who are in our cottage have gotten new suits and are very proud of them. The Boy Scouts in our cottage who received new suits are: Clyde Mace, Dwight Lefler, Alfred Blake, and Tommy Bush. Keep up the good work, boys.

About all for now—we will see you next month. So long until then.

Ronald Brown and the
Boys of South Cottage

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Bonnie Trent	5- 2-50
Ronnie Trent	5- 2-50
Linda Sue Medlin	5- 6-47
Pamela Fair	5-12-44
Marcia Ivey	5-13-51
Mike Morgan	5-13-45
Charles Hyde	5-16-49
Linda Byrd	5-19-45
Mildred Waters	5-21-48
Sylvia Bush	5-23-50
Brenda Blake	5-24-45
Forest Spencer	5-25-45
Linda Shaw	5-26-47
Herbert Cochran	5-26-42
Lou Anna Bridgers	5-27-47
Mary Blalock	5-29-48
Linda Bridgers	5-29-47
Everett Heritage	5-31-46

Conference For Workers Met In Richmond

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These men will represent the Southeastern Conference and, together with the two chosen to represent the University of North Carolina, will direct the work of the Child Care Project for the coming three years.

The Conference adjourned to meet in April 1960 at the DeSoto Hotel in Savannah, Georgia.

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